



XBOX 360®

KINECT™

Fantastic Pets™



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WARNING Before playing this game, read the Xbox 360® console instructions, KINECT sensor manual, and any other peripheral manuals for important safety and health information. Keep all manuals for future reference. For replacement hardware manuals, go to www.xbox.com/support or call Xbox Customer Support.

For additional safety information, see the inside back cover.

Important Health Warning About Playing Video Games

Photosensitive seizures

A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these "photosensitive epileptic seizures" while watching video games.

These seizures may have a variety of symptoms, including lightheadedness, altered vision, eye or face twitching, jerking or shaking of arms or legs, disorientation, confusion, or momentary loss of awareness. Seizures may also cause loss of consciousness or convulsions that can lead to injury from falling down or striking nearby objects.

Immediately stop playing and consult a doctor if you experience any of these symptoms. Parents should watch for or ask their children about the above symptoms—children and teenagers are more likely than adults to experience these seizures. The risk of photosensitive epileptic seizures may be reduced by taking the following precautions: Sit farther from the screen; use a smaller screen; play in a well-lit room; do not play when you are drowsy or fatigued.

If you or any of your relatives have a history of seizures or epilepsy, consult a doctor before playing.



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XBOX LIVE

Xbox LIVE® is the online game and entertainment service for Xbox 360®. Just connect your console to your broadband Internet service and join for free. You can get free game demos and instant access to HD movies (sold separately)—with KINECT, you can control HD movies with the wave of a hand. Upgrade to an Xbox LIVE Gold Membership to play games online with friends around the world and more. Xbox LIVE is your connection to more games, entertainment, and fun. Go to www.xbox.com/live to learn more.

Connecting

Before you can use Xbox LIVE, connect your Xbox 360 console to a high-speed Internet connection and sign up to become an Xbox LIVE member. For more information about connecting, and to determine whether Xbox LIVE is available in your region, go to www.xbox.com/live/countries.

Family Settings

These easy and flexible tools enable parents and caregivers to decide which games young game players can access based on the content rating. Parents can restrict access to mature-rated content. Approve who and how your family interacts with others online with the Xbox LIVE service, and set time limits on how long they can play. For more information, go to www.xbox.com/familysettings.

HOW TO GET HELP WITH KINECT

Learn More on XBOX.com

To find more information about KINECT, including tutorials, go to www.xbox.com/support.

Z-K-PR COMPUTER NEW USER MANUAL

Greetings! You are about to be one of the first people in the world to play and work with the brand new Z-K-PR (Mark 2) computers.

Z-K-PR computers are designed to know everything there is to know about pets of all shapes, sizes, species and colors. Your computer will help you to look after your pet(s), including playing games, entering Talent Shows, customization and lots more.

Even better, yours is one of the first of the brand new 'Mark 2' computers, so it will be able to talk to you and even use remote terminals to accompany you to your own home.

Please note, we are aware that the Mark 2 computers tell truly terrible jokes – our scientists are still working on this 'issue!' Thank you for choosing this Z-K-PR Mark 2 computer – I'm sure you'll have lots of fun together.

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We will now hand you over to the computer itself, who will talk you through caring for your pets.

Have fun!

- The Trainers Headquarters Technical Team.

NATALIE

Bonjour! Wait, wait, that's the wrong language setting. 1001010101? No, that's not it either... Aha! Here we go!

Hi, my name is Natalie and I'm a Z-K-PR class computer. Pretty fancy, huh?

I'll be helping you to look after your new pet, so I'll do my best to show you how to play with them, feed them, keep them clean and loads of other things. Ooh, this is so exciting! Isn't it exciting? Anyway, I'll meet you in Doctor Menagerie's house and then I'll come with you to your own house through one of my remote terminals. Speaking of Doctor Menagerie...



DOCTOR MENAGERIE

Believe it or not, Doctor Menagerie is actually your long-lost uncle. I know! Pretty weird, huh? He's away on expedition right now, so he's asked me to welcome you to his house, where he's left a recorded message for you.

I'm sure Doctor Menagerie will send you new email postcards as he travels around the world on his expedition, looking for Fantastic Pets. Ooh, ooh! Speaking of pets (man, I'm good at this stuff)...

MEET THE PETS!

There are all sorts of pets living at Doctor Menagerie's house, including cats, dogs, ponies and lizards. The pets range from cute to shy to wild and cheeky, but they all make great pets and are really looking forward to meeting you.

In addition to 'normal' pets, we also have some stranger ones, such as a fire breathing cat, a pegasus and a dragon. Plus, as you play you can visit the Pet Database to evolve your pet. This will let you change its color and pattern, add wings or horns and all sorts of other things! I've tried to work out how many possible pets you can make in the Pet Database, but I calculated as far as the millions before one of the fire breathing pets sneezed and I lost count.

Which species of pet are you going to choose first?

NATALIE'S TOP TIPS:

While you're in Doctor Menagerie's house, did you know that you can move from side to side to see more of the rooms? Give it a try!

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CHOOSING YOUR FIRST PET

From Doctor Menagerie's house, you can select a cat, dog, pony or lizard to take home with you. Doctor Menagerie has left you some details on each of the pets that you can choose to adopt, so you can get to know them before choosing. Don't worry if you can't decide as you get more used to caring for pets you can come back to the house and pick a second, third and then fourth pet to take home. Whichever pet you choose, you'll be able to give them commands. And here's Avatar to help you with that!

NATALIE'S TOP TIPS:

While you're choosing your pet, have you tried holding your hand out to make a cursor appear, then moving it over a pet to stroke them?

AVATAR

Because I'm a computer, I don't have any hands and can't actually pick anything up, which makes feeding the pets pretty tricky I can tell you! To get around this problem, I have Avatar.

Avatar is one of Doctor Menagerie's assistants, and he's stayed behind at the house to help us both out. How? Well, Avatar will appear to show you the gestures you can use to play the game. He will demonstrate the commands you can give to your pet, how to open the toybox and all sorts of other things, but the first thing he'll demonstrate to you is how to wave to begin the game.

WAVE TO PLAY

This is the first screen you'll see in the game. We'll use it to make sure you're standing in the right place to play, and then to tell me you're ready to start.



First of all you need to stand in front of the Kinect Sensor and face the screen. If you're too close or too far away you'll see a helper guide pop up on the screen. Simply move yourself about in the room until the little figure is in the centre of the helper and it will disappear.

Now, just hold up your arm and wave at the Kinect Sensor to begin!

TELLING ME WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO DO

Although I'm a pretty advanced computer, I still can't read your mind! That means you need to tell me what you'd like to do. There are two ways to do this:

Cursors

Whenever you're in a 'menu screen', you can hold up one of your hands to make a glowing, sparkly cursor appear. Now all you need to do is move that cursor over the choice you'd like to make and hold it there – after a short pause, I'll select it for you. If you change your mind, simply move your hand away and choose something else.

NATALIE'S TOP TIPS:

If you find it difficult to make a cursor appear on the screen, try holding your hand further out in front (closer to the Kinect Sensor). They won't appear if your hand is too close to your body.



Gestures

In 'neutral play' (more on this in a moment), you can give your pet commands by performing certain gestures with your body. There are all sorts of commands that your pet will recognize, and Avatar will take you through them as you play.

Gestures are also used to open your toybox and smartphone, but don't worry – Avatar will show you how to do that too.

NATALIE'S TOP TIPS:

Have you seen the trails that follow your arms as you move them around? They look cool, but they also change color each time your pet recognizes a gesture that you've performed. Handy, huh?

Neutral play

'Neutral play' is the technical term for you and your pet playing together in your own home (compared to when you're in a Talent Show or in an activity). In neutral play, you can give your pet all sorts of commands, open the toybox or smartphone, dig up GEMs, or just let your pet choose an activity for you!

PET NEEDS

While you're in neutral play, your pet can suggest things it would like or activities to play. For instance, your pet might think about the Food Time activity if it's hungry, or the Take Aim activity if it fancies chasing a ball about like a mad thing. When your pet thinks of something it would like, you'll see a 'thought bubble' appear with the activity floating in it. Simply hold your hand over that thought bubble for a couple of seconds and the activity will start. If you'd rather not do that activity, either waft the thought bubble away or just ignore it.



PET COMMANDS

There are all sorts of gestures that you can perform to command your pet in neutral play. Avatar and I will take you through them, but here's a handy list. Have you tried them all?

- Greet
- Sit
- Lie down
- Jump
- Beg
- Roll over
- Chase tail
- Come here
- Stroke pet
- Chase pet
- Dig up GEM
- Investigate screen
- Fly
- Land
- Barrel roll
- Breathe fire (pets can do this while flying too)

DOCTOR MENAGERIE NOTE:

I've noticed that it's best to give pets commands while standing up. If you sit on the floor, the pets tend to come over to be stroked. Also, it's important to make sure the area is clear of furniture – I don't think Natalie has forgiven me for accidentally knocking over that monitor! It sounded really expensive...

NATALIE'S TOP TIPS:

While your pet is investigating the screen, have you tried dancing about and waving your arms around wildly?

THE TOYBOX

There are all sorts of play activities you and your pet can take part in together. You start out with a couple of the activities and unlock the rest by collecting GEMs (more on these soon). The activities are stored in the toybox. Avatar and I will show you how to open it during the tutorial, but basically you hold your right arm straight out to the side and move it up diagonally. Don't actually point your arm at the screen, that won't do anything (except make your pet investigate the screen).

Inside the toybox you will find:

The Bubble Bubbler – Move around to produce bubbles, then pop them.

Ball Fetch – Throw the ball and your pet will fetch it. How far can you throw?

Bubble Dodge – Don't let the bubbles touch you!

Sit! – Run as fast as you can, then sit! How late can you leave it?

Food Time – Choose the foods that your pet likes.

Piñatas – Smash waves of piñatas as fast as you can!

Take Aim – Throw the ball at targets and bounce it off bumpers.

Pet Wash – Clean your pet. Try to get every spot!

Acrobatics – Match the poses to do a cool routine with your pet.

Pet Rampage – Cause pretend destruction by throwing the ball.

Power Pounce – Make your pet run, then duck down... and jump!

Brush Time – All pets love to be brushed (yes, even lizards!).

To leave the toybox without choosing an activity, just select the 'back' icon in the top corner.



YOUR SMARTPHONE

Your smartphone works just like the toybox, except that it appears in the top left corner of the screen (so, to open it, you hold your left arm straight out to the side and up a bit). The smartphone holds all the other things to do in the game:

Pet Database – Edit your pet or make it a true ‘Fantastic Pet’ for a while.

Atlas – Unlock new customization options for the Pet Database.

Trophy Cabinet – Look at your awards, achievements and Trainer rank.

Enter a Talent Show – Take part in daily Talent Shows to increase your Trainer Rank.

Encyclopedia – Learn fun and interesting facts about pets.

Photography – Take photos of you and your pet.

Emails – Check out the email postcards that Doctor Menagerie sends you.

Select a Pet – Choose which of your pets to play with, or swap a pet.

Advanced Options – Change the volume, turn on subtitles, that sort of thing.

Xbox Live Marketplace – Download additional content for the game.

Save and Quit – Save your progress and finish playing for now.

VOICE COMMANDS

During the game, you can speak to me and to your pet. Just speak out loud, in a nice clear voice. It also helps if the room you’re playing in isn’t too loud!

Note that not all countries have full voice support. Please visit <http://support.xbox.com/en-us/Pages/kinect/speech-recognition/default.aspx> for a list of supported countries. Thanks!

Speaking to Natalie

You can say the following things to me as you’re playing:

“Natalie pause!”

This will freeze the game and display the pause menu, exactly as if you had held your left arm out towards the bottom left of the screen. From the pause menu, you can change the game’s options or display the Kinect Guide.

Speaking to your pet

You can say the following commands to your pet while you’re in neutral play. For each one, replace ‘pet name’ with the actual name of the pet you’re speaking to. For instance, if you’re playing with Archie, then you would say “Archie, sit!”

“(pet name) Sit!”

This will make your pet sit down.

“(pet name) Heel!”

Call your pet over to stand beside you.

“(pet name) Beg!”

Your pet will sit up and perform the ‘beg’ trick. So cute!

“(pet name) Jump!”

Your pet will jump on the spot.

“(pet name) Lie!”

Your pet will lie down.

“(pet name) Speak!”

Your pet will make a noise (dogs will bark, for instance).

“(pet name) Stop!”

Your pet will stop whatever it’s doing right then.

“(pet name) Chase tail!”

Make your pet run around in a circle, chasing its tail.

“(pet name) Roll over!”

This will make your pet perform the ‘roll over’ trick. “(pet name) Fly!” If your pet has wings, it will take off.



"(pet name) Land!"

This will make any pet that's flying land on the floor.

"(pet name) Barrel roll!"

Use this when your pet is flying to make it perform the 'barrel roll' trick.

"(pet name) Breathe fire!"

If your pet can breathe fire, it will!

NATALIE'S TOP TIPS:

Your pet's name is displayed on the screen. If you see a 'speech bubble' beside their name, then your pet is listening for your voice commands.



If no speech bubble is displayed, then I'm talking, and your pet is listening to me (so it won't hear your commands). Wait for the speech bubble to reappear.

TRAINERS HEADQUARTERS AND YOUR TRAINER RANK

Doctor Menagerie works with an organization called 'Trainers Headquarters.' They search the world to find and look after the secret Fantastic Pets – things like magical unicorns, furry lizards and clockwork ponies.

I'll explain more about Trainers Headquarters as you play, but basically, you're starting as a 'rank one Trainer' and your goal is to get to rank ten.

So you want to know how to increase your Trainer rank? Well, look at that – the answer is right below! Am I good or what? Ah yeah, I'm doing the computer dance, uh-huh.

NATALIE'S TOP TIPS:

Why increase your Trainer rank? Because it unlocks new awards for your Xbox 360 Avatar!

TALENT SHOWS

You can take part in a Talent Show every day of the week. Talent Shows are your chance to show off your skills with a pet. Each show has different activities to take part in, and doing well will earn you rosettes – get enough of these and your Trainer Rank will go up.

NATALIE'S TOP TIPS:

Talent Shows on Saturdays are more difficult but give bigger rewards. If you want to get your Trainer Rank up quickly then try entering as many Saturday shows as possible!

GEMS

GEM stands for Genetic Energy Module – they're what I use to power my sub-systems. They're like batteries really, but cooler and shinier. The more GEMs you collect, the more of my features I'll have access to, such as new play activities or customization choices in the Pet Database. There are all sorts of ways to collect GEMs as you play, so keep an eye out for them!

NATALIE'S TOP TIPS:

If you unlock all of the activities and complete all the research trips you'll be able to use your GEMs for something else...

CO-OPERATIVE PLAY

The first time you play, I'll run you through a helpful tutorial, but once we've finished that, a second player will be able to join in the game and you can play with your pet together.

Your pet will accept commands from both players, so try taking turns. Some of the play activities also work with two players, so take a look in the toybox and try them out.

To join in, the second player needs to stand in front of the play space where I can see them, then wave at the screen to play.

To end co-operative play, one of the players just needs to walk out of the play space. Easy!



Playing KINECT Safely

Make sure you have enough space so you can move freely while playing.

Gameplay with KINECT may require varying amounts of movement. Make sure you won't hit, run into, or trip over other players, bystanders, pets, furniture, or other objects when playing. If you stand or move during gameplay, you need good footing.

Before playing: Look in all directions (right, left, forward, backward, down, and up) for things you might hit or trip over. Be sure your play area is far enough away from windows, walls, stairs, etc. Make sure there is nothing you might trip on—for example, toys, furniture, loose rugs, children, pets, etc. If necessary, move objects or people out of the play area. Don't forget to look up—be aware of light fixtures, fans, or other objects overhead when assessing the play area.

While playing: Stay far enough away from the television to avoid contact. Keep enough distance from other players, bystanders, and pets—this distance may vary between games, so take account of how you are playing when determining how far away you need to be. Stay alert for objects or people you might hit or trip on—people or objects can move into the area during gameplay, so you should always be alert to your surroundings.

Make sure you always have good footing while playing. Play on a level floor with enough traction for the game activities, and make sure you have appropriate footwear for gaming (no high heels, flip flops, etc.) or are barefoot if appropriate.

Before allowing children to use KINECT: Determine how each child can use KINECT and whether they should be supervised during these activities. If you allow children to use KINECT without supervision, be sure to explain all relevant safety and health information and instructions. **Make sure children using KINECT play safely** and within their limits, and make sure they understand proper use of the system.

To minimize eyestrain from glare: Position yourself at a comfortable distance from your monitor or television and the KINECT sensor; place your monitor or television and KINECT sensor away from light sources that produce glare, or use window blinds to control light levels; choose soothing natural light that minimizes glare and eyestrain and increases contrast and clarity; and adjust your monitor's or television's brightness and contrast.

Don't overexert yourself. Gameplay with KINECT may require varying amounts of physical activity. Consult a doctor before using KINECT if you have any medical condition or issue that affects your ability to safely perform physical activities or if: You are or may be pregnant; you have heart, respiratory, back, joint, or other orthopedic conditions; you have high blood pressure or difficulty with physical exercise; or you have been instructed to restrict physical activity. Consult your doctor before beginning any exercise routine or fitness regimen that includes KINECT. Do not play under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and make sure your balance and physical abilities are sufficient for any movements while gaming.

Stop and rest if your muscles, joints, or eyes become tired or sore. If you experience excessive fatigue, nausea, shortness of breath, chest tightness, dizziness, discomfort, or pain, **STOP USING IMMEDIATELY**, and consult a doctor.

See the Healthy Gaming Guide at www.xbox.com for more information.